

Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council

May 15-16, 2008

Thursday May 15

Members Present: Sara Casey; Joan Daly; Mary Dalton; Joyce De Cunzo; Leslie Edgcomb; Jim FitzGerald (Chair), Keith Foster, Gary Hamel; Bill Hodges; Suzanne Hopkins; Andy Hunthausen, Bob Jahner, Ester Cramer, Treat Lear; Marty Onishuk; Gerald Pease; Tom Peluso; Gary Popiel; Jo Shipman; Lenore Stiffarm; Karen Ward (Vice Chair); Patrick Wayne

Members Excused/Absent: Dan Weinberg

Approval of March Minutes: Motion made and approved. LEAR/Hodges

MHOAC Recap – Jim FitzGerald

- MHOAC in process of recruiting and appointing membership for open slots.
- Appointment of parents with children important for federal compliance.
- MHOAC focus to bring a balance to two mental health systems that directly impact the lives of individuals and families.
- Reiterated the importance of comprehensive and dynamic reports from Department.
- Council needs reports and data to improve meaningfulness of meetings.
- Council can influence and provide leadership without authority.
- Need to discuss process for MHOAC leadership selection.

Addictive and Mental Disorders Report – Joyce De Cunzo (Attached)

Taskforces and Committee Reports and Actions

Crisis Taskforce:

- Plan to present to Montana Association of Counties in September.
- Taskforce will work closely with Advocacy Committee on efforts to educate and partner with counties. Theme for both groups is similar.
- Primary goal is to develop secure crisis services at the local level.
- Would like AMDD to consider 'pilot' crisis service opportunities with direct participation from local partners.
- Joan is working on an 'Environment of Care' document to describe the basics of what a safe environment for people experiencing psychiatric crisis looks like.
- Plan to discuss editing Goals for taskforce that reflect what Taskforce and MHOAC can really accomplish.

Workforce Development:

- Motion: Request John Schroeck present information and status of HPSA designation at July MHOAC meeting. HODGES/Shipman.
- Motion: Promote a streamlined application process for mental health professionals requesting licensure and ability to practice in Montana. ONISHUK/De Cunzo

- Joyce De Cunzo approved travel reimbursement for Bill Hodges and Joan Daly to attend the Montana Association of Social Worker's meeting to discuss application and licensure of mental health professionals wishing to practice in Montana.
- Motion: Write a letter of support to MSU on creating, implementation of APRN program. HUNTHAUSEN/ Foster
- Action: Joan Daly will provide update on Residency Program at next meeting, and ask Dr. Carr what the MHOAC can do to support efforts.
- Action: Request Dee Holley, Billings NAMI, licensed Pharmacist, to present to the Council on med management.
- Course work to complete for prescription authority to other health providers and how national standards impact may impact.
- Potential educational opportunities for Primary Care providers.
- Action: Joan will bring information developed by Dr. Sharon Movahill about Integrated Behavioral Health Care in the Primary Care Setting.

Advocacy:

- Discussion on role and parameters of Council and associated committees
- Action: Write a letter to Legislative Finance, Children and Families, and Law Justice Committees advising of MHOAC role and responsibilities, and reporting on identification of specific goals through the 2008 Legislative Summit.
- Motion: To approve draft concepts and letter to Legislative Committees.

Development Committee:

- Action: Recommend the following to serve on the MHOAC for a four-year term – July 2008 – June 2012:

Mental Health Provider

Joan Daly, Continuing Member
Mel Mason, New Appointment

Native American Representative

Thomas Camel

Parent of Children (under 16)

Joseph W. Chalupa

Consumer/Family Members

Esther Cramer, Continuing Member
Robert Jahner, New Appointment,
Parent of Adult Child

Action: Draft letter to Joan Miles for Chair's signature.

Block Grant Committee:

- Action: Send Committee Satisfaction Survey
- Action: Send SAMHSA Block Grant Guidance to Committee
- Series of conference calls setup for committee discussion and recommendations.

Friday May 16

Children's Mental Health System – Overview & Discussion

- Chuck Hunter, Facilitator
- Mary Dalton, Health Resources Division
- Bonnie Adee, Children's Mental Health Bureau
- Jeff Sturm, Developmental Disabilities Program
- Sharon Tregidga, Juvenile Justice
- Steve Gibson, Department of Corrections
- Bob Runkel, Office of Public Instruction
- Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch
- Geoff Birnbaum, Missoula Youth Homes

Overview of agency and services was provided by all presenters. Accompanying materials are on file with minutes.